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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, said period of response being extended from December 19, 2006 to January 19, 2007.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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